GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Attacks on Journalists
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether threats, attacks and killing of journalists are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of journalists injured/killed separately, guilty arrested and the action taken against them during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government is involving all political parties to curb this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for the protection of journalists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has started collecting data on attack on media persons under grievous hurt since 2014. Data on attack on journalists is not maintained separately. As per available data, a total of 114 cases were registered and 32 persons were arrested under attack on media person (grievous hurt) during 2014. The Press Council of India takes prompt action on receipt of specific complaints from affected persons. A State-wise statement is enclosed at Annexure.